

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 93  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and salute Michael R. Dickson,  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer of  
Nashville's first Gospel Quartet Convention.

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee General Assembly are proud to specially acknowledge those citizens who work so assiduously to bring greater recognition to the artistic traditions of this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Michael R. Dickson is one such exemplary person, who has founded the first-ever Gospel Quartet Convention in Nashville, in order to salute gospel performers and quartets; and

WHEREAS, this convention is the realization of a vision that Mr. Dickson had to bring together gospel quartets and singers in the State of Tennessee to perform songs of praise; and

WHEREAS, the "Precious Memories" celebration will specially honor legendary gospel performers of the past, its motto being, "Old Soldiers Never Die . . . They Just Fade Away"; and

WHEREAS, the music of gospel quartets has a long history in the State of Tennessee; from the 1920s to the present, these great gospel performers have stood the test of time in their praise of God through song; and

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WHEREAS, the first-ever Nashville Gospel Quartet Convention will be held Sunday, March 2, 2003; a Memorial Service in honor of gospel legends of the past will be held at the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to salute Mr. Michael R. Dickson for his stellar efforts to recognize this vital musical tradition and its most celebrated performers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. Michael R. Dickson, thank him for his service in recognition of gospel performers and quartets, and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.